

## **Denali National Park and Preserve Commercial Use Authorization Activity-Specific Stipulations**

### **2016 GROUP CAMPING AT SAVAGE CAMPGROUND**

1. Campground Requirements:
  - a. Group size limit is 20 people per site, inclusive of CUA holder and employees.
  - b. Vehicle limit is 2 per campsite.
  - c. Group Camping is authorized in Sites A, B and 34.
  - d. Camping is limited to 14 total nights annually, with no more than 7 consecutive nights.
2. Campsite Reservation:
  - a. Group sites are available by reservation beginning December 1 for the following year. Reservations must be made over the telephone. Please contact the reservation call center at 800-622-7275.
3. Driving:
  - a. Groups are authorized to drive to and from the Savage River Campground in support of their stay in the campground.
  - b. Driving beyond the Savage River Campground is prohibited.
  - c. Driving beyond the Denali Visitor Center outside of the dates of a reservation at the campground is prohibited.
4. Employees and their Role while in the park:
  - a. CUA holders and employees (guides) are not allowed to accompany clients in areas closed to CUA activities and will be assumed to be conducting guiding activities and considered to be in non-compliance of these terms of the CUA. **See EXCEPTION in #5 below for Savage Alpine Trail.**
  - b. CUA holders and employees (guides) may accompany their clients on the park transportation system, but must conduct themselves as a park visitor and not as a guide. Any actions such as providing expertise and/or support to clients will be deemed a violation of this stipulation. **See EXCEPTION in #5 below for Savage Alpine Trail.**
5. Savage Alpine Trail:
  - a. Holders of a CUA for Group Camping at Savage Campground are authorized to hike as a commercial group on the Savage Alpine Trail, which is located between the Savage Campground and the Savage River at Mile 15 on the Denali Park Road.
  - b. The group size limit for this activity is 12, inclusive of CUA holders and employees (guides). As the group camping size limit is 20, the CUA holder must divide up accordingly their clientele who wish to hike on the Savage Alpine Trail as a commercial group with an employee (guide) into smaller groups that comply with the limit of 12.
  - c. CUA holders and employees are prohibited from driving a vehicle beyond the Savage Campground for any purpose, including in support of hiking on the Savage Alpine Trail. CUA holders and employees are encouraged to utilize the free Savage River Shuttle Bus for transportation to and/or from the trailhead at Mile 15.

**6. First Aid:**

- a. Each group leader must possess, at a minimum, current basic First Aid and CPR certification. Agencies that provide qualifying certifications include: American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, National Safety Council and National Ski Patrol.
- b. Documentation of certification must be presented upon request from NPS personnel.
- c. Each group leader shall carry and be familiar with, at a minimum, a basic first aid kit appropriately sized for the group.

**7. Incident Reporting:**

- a. Any incident involving a fatality or serious injury must be reporting immediately by calling the Denali Communication Center at 907-683-9555.

**8. Leave No Trace:**

- a. Employees will be trained in, demonstrate through action, and teach Leave No Trace etiquette as appropriate to their activity.

**9. Employee Performance:**

- a. All employees will maintain the highest professional standards of conduct, treating each guest/client with respect.

**10. Entrance Fees:**

- a. CUA holders are required to ensure that their clients have paid the park entrance fee.
- b. The park entrance fee may be paid in conjunction with the purchase of a bus ticket, or in person at the Denali Visitor Center or Talkeetna Ranger Station.
- c. Contact the Fee and Revenue Business Manager at 907-683-9532 if you would prefer to collect and remit the park entrance fee directly to the park.
- d. Remitting fees directly to the park does not eliminate any in-person check in requirements for your activity.

**11. Interpretation:**

- a. Employees will use effective interpretive techniques and skills that convey information about Denali National Park and Preserve and its mission.  
Information about the park can be found at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/dena/learn/index.htm>

**12. Property:**

- a. No personal or business property of any kind may be stored or left unattended on park lands for more than 24 hours without written permission from the superintendent.

**13. Monitoring Costs:**

- a. The CUA holder will be responsible to reimburse the NPS for monitoring costs, including travel cost and salaries for park staff to assess quality of services and resource conditions.

## Other General Park CUA Information

### Authorized Activities

Denali National Park and Preserve (DENA) authorizes the following commercial activities that may be provided pursuant to obtaining a Commercial Use Authorization (CUA):

- Air Taxi
- Group Camping (Savage River Campground only)
- Guided Overnight Hiking
- Guided Mountaineering
- Guided Winter Activities
- Guided Day Hiking - Frontcountry and Triple Lakes Trails
- Guided Day Hiking – Backcountry
- Road-Based Winter Vehicle Tour
- Dog Sled Freight Hauling

The commercial service(s) that your company is authorized to provide within DENA is indicated on the front of your CUA. Engaging in a commercial activity other than that specifically authorized is prohibited.

### Areas Open to Commercial Services

- 1980 Park and Preserve Additions, excluding Backcountry Units 40, 41, 42, 43
- Kantishna Airstrip
- Savage Campground Group Sites
- Frontcountry Trails
- Park Road to Mountain Vista Turnout for Road-Based Commercial Vehicle Use – February through May 10 only

### Areas Closed to Commercial Services

- Former Mt. McKinley National Park, including Backcountry Units 40, 41, 42, 43
- Windy Creek drainage, northwest of Cantwell in the former Mt. McKinley National Park
- Glaciers in the 1980 Park and Preserve Additions are closed to air taxi landings, including lakes on glaciers

(See attached map for more details)

### Commercial Road Access to Denali National Park and Preserve

Commercial passenger-carrying motor vehicles are allowed within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve on the George Parks Highway and on the Denali Park Road as far west as the Denali Visitor Center complex and Alaska Railroad Depot.

A commercial operator may therefore bring passengers into the park and stop within the developed area of the road corridor up to the Denali Visitor Center complex. This allows commercial operators to access the following: Wilderness Access Center, Backcountry Information Center, Riley Creek Mercantile store, showers and laundry, McKinley Park airstrip, Horseshoe Lake trailhead parking area, Denali Visitor Center complex, U.S. Post Office, and the Railroad Depot. **No permit is required for this access.**

### Road-Based Winter Vehicle Tour

The Denali Park Road is open at a date in early February<sup>1</sup> through May 10 to the Mountain Vista Turnout at mile 12 for commercial entities that have a CUA for Road-Based Winter Vehicle Tour activities. Contact the park at (907) 683-9532 for road condition updates.

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<sup>1</sup> Road opening date in February to Mountain Vista Turnout varies based on weather and road conditions.

**No commercial vehicle may proceed west beyond the Denali Visitor Center complex except under one of the following scenarios:**

1. Possess a Group Camping CUA AND their travel is related to a current campground reservation;

OR

2. Possess a Road-Based Winter Vehicle Tour CUA AND they are traveling during the time period of early February through May 10 when the road is open to Mountain Vista Turnout for this activity.